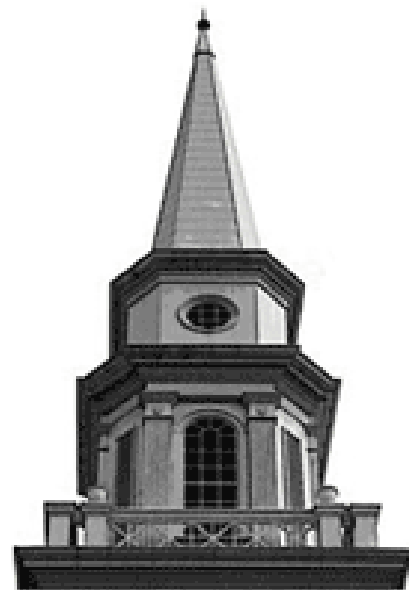


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**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**Sunday**

Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.  
 Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m.  
 Discipleship Training.....5:00 p.m.  
 Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.

**Wednesday**

Family Night Supper.....4:45 p.m.  
 Handbells.....5:00 p.m.  
 Mission Organizations.....5:30 p.m.  
 Children's Choir.....6:15 p.m.  
 Youth Crossroads.....6:00 p.m.  
 Prayer Meeting.....6:00 p.m.  
 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal.....7:00 p.m.



**Dr. Bryant Barnes**  
 Pastor

**Rev. Tom Thurman**  
 Senior Adults

**Rev. Shannon Willis**  
 Youth

**Jennifer Baker**  
 Preschool/Children

**Rev. O.J. Seals**  
 Education/Activities

**Rev. Hugh Plunkett**  
 Music

**Mary Herrington**  
 Associate Minister for Church Care

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Letter from our Pastor

**UTTERINGS FROM AN UNDERSHEPHERD**

**THE 2018 BUDGET WILL BE AVAILABLE** for your consideration this Sunday (**October 15**). Copies will be placed on each of the tables in the gym, and we encourage you to pick one up. Due to the construction work and its timing, the leadership of our church- ministers, deacons, and Stewardship Committee- decided on a status quo budget. There will be changes within the line items of the budget, but there is no appreciable change.

We are praying about the stewardship in our church, and we will be monitoring our budget closely as we enter the Building Finance Campaign in our church. Any financial changes going forward will be communicated to you, because it is unclear if our budget will be affected through this time.

Again, we encourage you to pick up a copy of the proposed 2018 budget, look it over closely, come for the Budget Discussion (**October 25**), and pray about the Budget Vote (**October 29**).

**WE WANT TO SHARE AN UPDATE** on the Renewal/Renovation. The HVAC units have been installed, and they should be working shortly. If you are in Adult 3, or you attend **REACH**, then I know you will be glad about that progress. Due to the "Water Fountain Flood," the other department rooms on the east side of the upstairs will not be ready for a while.

The Property and Space Committee decided to wait until the conclusion of the Renovation/Renewal before making the repairs on the flooring and walls after the 'flood.' Once the contractor is finished, then the additional changes can be made without interference.

Also, the roof on the Children's wing and the office area will be completed soon. You can't see the work, but it is moving along. Because much of the construction work was "functional" (roofs, air-conditions, etc.) and not "visual" or "eye-catching," then we want you to be fully aware of the progress, even when you can't see it.

**DIDN'T THE YOUTH DO WELL** this past Sunday evening (**October 8**) during the worship service? We are grateful for their leadership in our service, and we ask you to pray that their numbers may increase, as they share in study on Sunday evenings.

**THE NEW FBC WEBSITE IS UP**, and we hope you will visit it soon. **Brent King** did a masterful job in listening, looking, and leading us in the process. You will find information about us, a copy of the "Reminder," tabs of specialty (especially for the Youth), and a vast array of things about FBC. We believe that additions and changes will be made, and we want your feedback. Go to fbccolumbia.org and look for yourself. I think you will be pleased.



**Sanctuary Choir** - Thank you for your rendition of "My Hope Is in You" this past Sunday. We will sing "God of All My Days" this Sunday morning. We are really going to start working hard on our Christmas Music "How Should a King Come" every Wednesday until Thanksgiving. Please make every effort to be in rehearsal!! We will present this musical on Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, at 6 pm.

**Youth!!!** Great, great turn out for Sunday night!! You did a great job on "Difference Maker." **Parents!!!!** Please encourage your youth to be here for this important time in the evening service. The youth will decide each Wednesday night what they will sing on Sunday night.

**Children's Choir** is going great with good attendance and hard work on everyone's part. "The Colors of Christmas" is their Christmas music and will be sung on Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm. Make your plans now to be here!!!

**Adult Handbells!!!** We are resuming rehearsals this Wednesday at 5 pm. We will work on music to be rung during the services in the fall and we will also rehearse Christmas music. I look forward to ringing again!!!



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

October 16  
Philip Reed  
October 17  
Karie Bedwell  
October 18  
George Byrd Sandy Sanderson  
October 20  
Jack Bradshaw Jon Luke Watts  
October 21  
Donna Byrd B. Lee Parker  
Bruce Ratcliff Ethan Seals

*Menu*

**Family Night Supper**  
Wednesday, October 18  
Roast, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy,  
Green Beans, Roll, Salad Bar,  
Dessert & Tea

## Discipleship Training

**Sunday at 5:00 p.m.**

Studies being offered:

*Doing Missions*

Leader: Dr. Tom Watts

*The Quest: An Excursion Toward Intimacy with God*

Author: Beth Moore

Leader: Ellen Hawkins

*Unleashed: Being Conformed to the Image of Christ*

Author: Eric Mason

Leader: Greg Ellzey

Mississippi Baptist Convention  
October 31 & November 1

### PRESS ON!

*"Sow righteousness for yourselves and reap faithful love; break up untilled ground. It is time to seek the Lord until He comes and sends righteousness on you like rain."  
Hosea 10:12*

*Dr. Burgess will lead in worship at Southern Manor Sunday, October 15, at 3:00 p.m.*

*Bro. Hugh Plunkett will share with B.A.L.L. Club about his trip to Cuba on Tuesday, November 7, at 11:00 a.m. Bring a covered dish.*

*Daily progress is being made in the renovation program. May progress in growth in Christian living be made as the building takes on a new look.*

**PRESS ON!**

*announcements*

**Sunday, October 15**  
Deacon's Meeting at 8:00 AM  
Church Budgets will be available to the church at the close of the morning service.

**Monday, October 16**  
Men's Prayer Time at 6:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, October 18**  
WOM at 9:30 a.m.  
Business Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

**Thursday, October 19**  
Homebound Workers breakfast at the Deck at 8:00 a.m.

### October 8 Report



Preschool.....	14
Children.....	13
Youth.....	39
Adults.....	176
Visitors.....	15
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>257</b>

### Tithes & Offerings

**Week Ending 10/8/17**

Budget Required.....	26,265.85
Budget Receipts.....	26,604.00
<b>Total Receipts.....</b>	<b>50,881.73</b>
<b>Year to Date:</b>	
Budget Required.....	1,076,899.85
Budget Receipts.....	976,551.38
<b>Total Receipts.....</b>	<b>1,472,213.03</b>

**Building Fund**

Commitments to Date.....	1,069,594.00
Receipts to Date.....	270,598.07

### Renovation Prayer Committee scripture for the week.

*"Don't you know that you are God's sanctuary and that the Spirit of God lives in you? If anyone ruins God's sanctuary, God will ruin him; for God's sanctuary is holy and that is what you are."  
1 Corinthians 3:8-9*

### Note from the WMU

The PRCC luncheon was a huge success! Thanks to the ladies who cooked, men who gave financial support, ladies who traveled to help serve and Danny King who endured the ladies' chatter to get us there.

### 2018 Church Budget

Budgets will be available to the church on Sunday, October 15.

Budget Discussion will be on Wednesday, October 25.

Budget Vote will be on Sunday, October 29, with no discussion.



### Brotherhood

Tuesday, October 24  
6:00 PM

Check out our new website at  
[www.fbccolumbia.org](http://www.fbccolumbia.org)